

**Mount Holly City Council
Work Session
May 7, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

The work session meeting of the City Council of Mount Holly was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Black. The following were present:

Mayor Bobby Black	City Manager David Kraus
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Hope	Administrative Services Officer Jamie Guffey
Councilman Michael Helms	Public Utilities Director Don Price
Councilman Frank McLean	Planning & Zoning Director Danny Jackson
Councilwoman Pat Hubbard	Fire Chief John Ekaitis
Councilman Bryan Hough	Interim Parks & Recreation Director Valerie King
Councilwoman Phyllis Harris	Police Chief Ricky Davis
City Attorney Kemp Michael	Streets and Solid Waste Director Mike Santmire

The Invocation was lead by Councilman Hough.

Mayor Black thanked Chief Ekaitis and his staff for hosting the work session meeting. He also thanked Pat and Joel Hubbard for all of their work on Springfest. Mayor Black also welcomed new interim Parks and Recreation Director Valerie King.

Item # 1 on the Agenda – CIP.

Judi Simac of Earth Improvement Technologies passed out draft copy of the new CIP to each member of Council. She went over the plan, hitting some of the highlights. She also stated that she would like the plan adopted at the same time as the budget is adopted.

Item # 2 on the Agenda – Close Out of the Fire Department.

City Manager Kraus passed out a copy of the punch list for the new fire station and then Council went on a tour to see some of the problems.

After the tour City Manager Kraus stated that if things are not finished to our liking, we may have to terminate the contract with the builder and take the money out of retainage to make the repairs ourselves. Chief Ekaitis stated that the main problems are the landscaping and the sidewalks.

City Attorney Michael stated that May 15th is the last day to finish the project to the Architects satisfaction. The City can then give 7 days notice to the builder of its intention to terminate the contract and keep his retainage.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** to direct City Manger to send a letter to the builder and bonding Companies to explain the termination of the contract if the punch list is not

completed by May 15th. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hubbard and passed with all in favor.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** to fix the bay area floor by grinding and polishing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hubbard and passed with all in favor.

City Manager Kraus stated that the contract states that the City can charge liquidated damages in the amount of \$500 per day for each day over the stated completion date, which was at the end of March.

City Attorney Michael stated that the builder is wanting the City to return ½ of his retainage.

Councilman Hough **MOVED** to withhold all of the retainage until the project is complete. The motion was seconded by Councilman McLean and passed with all in favor.

Item #3 on the agenda – Field Sobriety Class.

Sgt. Reese of the Mount Holly Police Department told Council about a field sobriety class that was to be offered May 21, 22, and 23 at the Tuck Community Center. He stated that Council would have to give permission for alcohol to be consumed on City property. He also stated that there would be no cost to the City for the class.

Councilwoman Hubbard **MOVED** to allow alcohol consumption at the Tuck Community Center during the Field Sobriety Class on May 21, 22, 23. Councilman Holms seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Item #4 on the agenda – East Gaston Water and Sewer Line.

This item was moved to Monday night.

Item #5 on the agenda – System Development Charges.

City Manager Kraus passed out a copy of a revised ordinance that City Attorney Michael and Public Utilities Director Price had developed. The new plan called for a fee of \$1,400 plus \$500 for each bathroom over 2. The plan would also grandfather any one who had already submitted a preliminary plat. The grandfather exception would expire on January 1, 2011.

Councilman McLean stated that he felt that the developers did enough and should not have to pay this extra cost. Mayor Pro-Tem Hope stated that he felt that all should help pay for improvements, not just the new.

Council would like a update on Monday so that they can call for a public hearing.

Item #6 on the agenda – Budget Update.

Administrative Services Officer Guffey told Council that the budget is still over 2 million dollars out of balance. He stated that there are several large capital items that are scheduled to be paid for out right, but we can finance these over several years. Council removed some items from consideration and then instructed staff to bring the numbers for financing to them Monday.

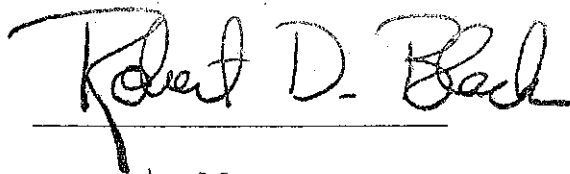
- 2 3 4 Councilman Helms **MOVED** to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues.
The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and passed with all in favor.

Council Hough **MOVED** to come out of executive session and return to City Council.
The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and passed with all in favor.

Council Hough **MOVED** for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and passed with all in favor at 10:32 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor